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The following is a summary of Soviet border activities for the week
3-9 September 1950, except as noted.

Pol Dasht (39-21N, 45-05E)

1. On 5 September 1950, 200 trucks loaded with military personnel were seen moving from Zacharlu (39-23N, 45-01E) west toward Sarachli (39-36N, 44-52E). On Monday, 11 September, at the same spot 500 trucks loaded with military personnel were seen moving in the same direction.

2. Barbed wire fences at Sarachli opposite the mouth of the Qara Su River were extended.

Namin (38-26N, 48-30E)

3. At Kalvaz, opposite Iranian Namin, anti-aircraft machine guns have been installed at post buildings.

Astara (38-28N, 48-52E)

4. Two aircraft bearing the numbers 2 and 4 flew back and forth several times between Astara and Lenkoran.

5. Soviet searchlights were active at night in the vicinity of Kashvi (probably Kashbi, 38-25N, 48-44E) in the Astara Valley.

6. At night off Astara several steamers were sighted when the searchlights at Iranian Astara were turned on. Direction in which the steamers were going is not known.

Dash Burun (37-37N, 54-48E)

7. At Chat-i-Atrek (37-59N, 55-16E), two radio antennae were erected. Up to the period of this report, this Soviet post apparently had not been equipped with radio transmitters; if it did have radio transmitters prior to this time, there were no antennae in sight.

8. In the vicinity of Chat-i-Atrek large groups of horses were allowed to roam freely over the steppe. It is believed that new cavalry units were possibly being established in the area.

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Gholaman (38-12N, 57-07E)

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9. On 9 September 1950, the Iranian frontier guard commissar at Ribat (37-55N, 57-43E) observed an object resembling a comet passing through the sky over Soviet territory. The object apparently fell north of the mountains northwest of Ribat. A few seconds later an explosion was heard and simultaneously violent earthquake tremors were felt in Ribat.

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